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Applicant : Jean-Yves Bonnefoy, et al.
Serial No. : 09/831,061
Filed : August 31, 2001
Title : Use of an enterobacterium OmpA protein for Specific Targeting to Antigen-Presenting Cells
Art Unit : 1645
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RESPONSE AND ELECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.143

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, a Restriction Requirement, dated April 23, 2003, the applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute Claims 25-39, directed to Group I of the Restriction Requirement. The Examiner may withdraw non-elected claims without prejudice to their rejoinder during later examination and/or prosecution in a Divisional Application.


The applicants respectfully submit that by merely withdrawing the non-elected claims pending notification of allowable subject matter, the applicants distinctly and affirmatively point out subject matter which they assert, upon examination

will be found a part of the claimed invention. The applicants reassert their right to rejoin non-elected claims upon the identification of allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, entry of the present Election into the record of this application, and favorable action on the merits thereof, are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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